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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI 11 OCTOBER 1972, AND AS STATED

SUBJECT MILITARY REGION 2 SEMINAR ON THE NATIONAL POLICE
ROLE IN PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE POSTWAR
PERIOD

ACQ VIETNAM, NHA TRANG (11 OCTOBER 1972) FIELD NO.

SUMMARY: IN OCTOBER 1972 THE NATIONAL POLICE IN MILITARY
REGION 2 WERE CONDUCTING IN ALL OF THE PROVINCES SEMINARS FOR
SENIOR NATIONAL POLICE AND SPECIAL BRANCH PROVINCE AND DISTRICT
PERSONNEL. THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED "THE NATIONAL POLICE ROLE IN
PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD", EXPLAINED
THE POLICE ROLE AFTER A CEASE-FIRE IS ANNOUNCED. THE EFFORT OF

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THE NATIONAL POLICE AGAINST VIET CONG MILITARY ACTIVITIES WILL BE CHANGED TO AN EFFORT AGAINST VIET CONG POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. THE NATIONAL POLICE WILL ALSO WATCH OPPOSITION GROUPS, THE POPULATION IN GENERAL AND FOREIGNERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ALSO, NATIONAL POLICE RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCREASE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE PRO-GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, AND AS THE POLICE ABSORB THE DUTIES OF THE OTHER SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE REGIONAL FORCES, THE POPULAR FORCES AND THE PEOPLE'S SELF-DEFENSE FORCES. THE NATIONAL POLICE WILL PROBABLY BE INCREASED NUMERICALLY AFTER A CEASE-FIRE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) MILITARY REGION 2 (MR-2) NATIONAL POLICE (NP) HEADQUARTERS THAT ALL REGION NP MUST PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS ON THE ROLE OF THE POLICE AFTER A CEASE-FIRE, THE BINH DINH PROVINCE NP IS CONDUCTING SUCH SEMINARS IN OCTOBER 1972. THE SEMINARS, ENTITLED "THE NP ROLE IN PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD," ARE PRESIDED OVER BY THE MR-2 NP SPECIAL BRANCH (SB) CHIEF. THE THEME OF THE SEMINARS IS THAT THE NP WILL ABSORB THE PERSONNEL AND/OR THE DUTIES OF THE EXISTING OTHER SECURITY UNITS, SUCH AS

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THE SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP (SRG), THE POPULAT FORCES (PF), THE REGIONAL FORCES (RF), THE PEOPLES' SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (PSDF) AND THE PHUNG HOANG. THE SEMINARS ARE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AND PARTICIPANTS ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THE CLASSES OUTSIDE OF THE MEETING AREA. ALL DISTRICT NP AND SB CHIEFS, THEIR DEPUTIES AND CHIEFS OF OPERATIONS, PROVINCE NP AND SB STAFF OFFICERS AND SELECTED NP VILLAGE CHIEFS MUST ATTEND THE SEMINARS WHICH BEGAN IN LATE SEPTEMBER. IN EARLY OCTOBER, SESSIONS HAD BEEN HELD IN PLEIKU, BINH THUAN, NINH THUAN, DARLAC, KHANH HOA, BINH DINH AND PHU YEN PROVINCES.

2. THE CONTENT OF THE MEETINGS IS GENERAL IN NATURE. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PREPARE THE POLICE UNITS FOR THE GREATER ROLE WHICH THEY WILL PLAY WHEN THE FIGHTING STOPS. THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE, IT IS STRESSED THAT A CEASE-FIRE WILL COME, BUT THE TIME IS UNKNOWN. THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE SEMINAR IS THAT DURING THE WAR SITUATION, THE PRIMARY TARGET OF THE NP OPERATIONS HAS BEEN THE MILITARY EFFORTS OF THE VIET CONG (VC) AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA); WITH THE ADVENT OF A CEASE-FIRE, THE VC MILITARY ACTIVITIES WILL SUBSIDE, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT CEASE COMPLETELY, AND VC POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY.

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THE SEMINAR ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT HALF OF THE COMMUNIST FIGHTING FORCES WILL REMAIN IN SOUTH VIETNAM AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE. THEREFORE, THE GVN MUST DECREASE ITS MILITARY EFFORTS AND REORGANIZE TO MEET THE INCREASED ENEMY POLITICAL THREAT. THE NP IS THE ONLY FORCE CAPABLE OF OPPOSING THE VC POLITICAL EFFORT. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE INFORMED THAT ALTHOUGH THE VC WILL REMAIN THE PRIORITY TARGET, OF EQUAL PRIORITY WILL BE OPPOSITION GROUPS, THE POPULATION IN GENERAL, AND FOREIGNERS, BOTH FRIENDLY AND ENEMY. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE OPPOSITION GROUPS WERE DESCRIBED AS THOSE GROUPS WHO OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTION. NO GROUP WAS NAMED.)

3. THE SEMINAR STRESSED THAT IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THE PROVINCE AND VILLAGE LEVEL. THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS MAY BE "EITHER PRO-COMMUNIST, PRO-OPPOSITION, OR EVEN ANTI-CENTRAL GOVERNMENT." (SOURCE COMMENT: THE SEMINAR LEADER DID NOT EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES IN THESE CATEGORIES.) IF THE OFFICIAL FALLS INTO ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES, HE COULD CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THE ONLY NON-ELECTED BODY IN ANY AREA MIGHT BE THE NP, AND THEREFORE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE NP TO ENFORCE THE LAW OF THE GVN AND AT THE SAME TIME INSURE THE WELL-BEING AND SECURITY

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OF THE POPULATION.

4. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON A RECENT GOVERNMENT DECREE WHICH APPOINTED THE DISTRICT OR VILLAGE NP CHIEF AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR HIS VILLAGE OR DISTRICT. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE TOLD THAT THIS WAS DONE BECAUSE IT IS EXPECTED THAT DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS WILL BE ELECTED AND THAT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THOSE ELECTED WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE DISTRICT OR VILLAGE DEPUTY CHIEF OF SECURITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SECURITY UNITS IN HIS AREA INCLUDING ANY EXISTING RF, PF AND PSDF. SINCE THE NP CHIEF IS APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT THESE SECURITY UNITS ARE USED TO UPHOLD THE LAW AND TO CARRY OUT THE DESIRES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE SB CHIEF STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH IT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE NP TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE PEOPLE, IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES ARE FULFILLED.

5. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE TOLD THAT IT WILL BECOME ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE NP TO BE THE EYES AND THE EARS OF THE GVN. THEREFORE, THEY MUST KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR AREA OF OPERATION AND THE PEOPLE IN IT. THIS IS NECESSARY, THEY

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WERE TOLD, IN ORDER TO PREVENT TROUBLE BEFORE IT STARTS RATHER THAN TRYING TO LEARN ABOUT IT AFTER IT HAPPENS. THE PLAN OF THE MR-2 NP IS TO ESTABLISH DOSSIERS ON EVERY PERSON IN THE AREA AND TO INCLUDE ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION IN THESE DOSSIERS. A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WAS SPENT IN THE MEETINGS IN EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR THESE DOSSIERS. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE TOLD THAT EVEN SUCH MUNDANE FACTS AS WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS LAZY, AMBITIOUS, HEALTHY, FAITHFUL TO FAMILY ETC, ARE NEEDED. IF THERE ARE 18 MILLION PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE OVER 18 MILLION DOSSIERS ON HAND. THE POINT WAS MADE THAT EVEN UNBORN CHILDREN AND DEAD PEOPLE CAN PLAY AN INDIRECT ROLE IN EVENTS AND THEREFORE THEY TOO MUST HAVE FILES. IT WAS STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH (S) OF HAMLETS AND VILLAGES AND A COLOR-CODE SYSTEM USED TO CATEGORIZE THESE PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR LOYALTY TO THE GVN. THE ATTENDEES WERE INFORMED THAT DOSSIERS SHOULD ALSO BE MAINTAINED ON FOREIGNERS WHO ARE EITHER RESIDENTS OF, OR VISITORS TO, SOUTH VIETNAM. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT DOSSIERS SHOULD EVEN BE KEPT ON DIPLOMATS WHO MIGHT VISIT THE

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COUNTRY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS IN ORDER THAT PROPER PREPARATIONS COULD BE MADE FOR THE VISIT.

6. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE ALSO INSTRUCTED IN THE NECESSITY OF ACCURATE OPERATIONAL REPORTING. THEY WERE TOLD THAT AT THE TIME OF A CEASE-FIRE THE GVN WILL CLAIM CONTROL OF A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE LAND AND THE POPULATION. OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WILL BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION AND THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY WHEN REPORTING ON COMMUNIST INCIDENTS THAT NO EXAGGERATED OR MISLEADING FIGURES ARE REPORTED WHICH WOULD DISCREDIT THE GVN CLAIMS. ALSO, VC INFRASTRUCTURE (VCI) IDENTIFICATIONS AND NEUTRALIZATIONS MUST BE REPORTED ACCURATELY SO AS NOT TO INFLATE THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF VCI OPERATING IN THE COUNTRY.

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7. THE SEMINAR WAS CLOSED WITH WARNINGS THAT THE NP WILL SOON BE STEPPING INTO THE INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT AND THAT ALL RANKS MUST BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR THE CHANGES. IT WAS STATED THAT VERY LIKELY THE NP WILL BE INCREASED IN SIZE AND EVENTUALLY

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WILL BE EQUAL IN STRENGTH TO THE DECREASING MILITARY.

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